

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-23 were pending in this Application. Claims 24-66 were previously withdrawn due to an election/restriction requirement. Claims 1, 3, and 9-21 were rejected. Claims 2, 4-8, 22 and 23 were objected to. Claims 1, 3-23 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Claims 2 and 24-66 have been canceled. Claims 67-87 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim and Specification Objections

The Examiner objected to the Specification and Claims 1-23 due to informalities. Applicants have amended the Specification and Claims 1-23 appropriately to overcome these rejections.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, with a copy of the references and a check in the amount of \$180.00, for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2, 4-8, and 22-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable Claim 2. Furthermore, Applicants submit new claim 67 which incorporates the elements of allowable Claim 22 and former base Claim 1. The dependency of Claim 23 has been changed to new Claim 67. New Claims 68-87 are submitted which correspond to former Claims 2-21 including the above mentioned amendments to these claims. Applicants submit new Claims 67-87 are in condition for allowance and request favorable action.


CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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